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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SITREP NO.8

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1. MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEM OF THE DAY IS THAT A  
NUMBER OF THESSALONIANS, PROMPTED IN PART BY THREAT-  
ENING SKIES, ARE BEGINNING TO RETURN TO THEIR  
APARTMENTS WITH THE INTENTIONS OF OVERNIGHTING IT.  
GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS, CITING THE ASSURANCE OF  
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FOREIGN SEISMOLOGISTS THAT ANOTHER STRONG QUAKE  
IS UNLIKELY, ARE URGING CITIZENS TO RETURN TO THEIR  
HOMES IF THE LATTER HAVE BEEN CHECKED BY ENGINEERS  
AND FOUND SAFE. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THE TOWN'S  
CITIZENS WILL SPEND THE NIGHT AWAY FROM THEIR  
HOMES. APART FROM THE LINGERING FEAR OF ANOTHER  
DESTRUCTIVE TREMOR, THESSALONIANS ARE TAKING THEIR

SELF-IMPOSED HARDSHIP OF LIVING OUT OF DOORS INCCOMPLAININGLY AND OFTEN WITH HUMOR. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND. EVERY-ONE APPEARS CALM AND RELAXED AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER ANY MULTI-STORY BUILDING. THE GOVERNMENT' S EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY. A STEADY STREAM OF VIP' S FROM ATHENS NOW INCLUDES MES. IOANNA TSATSOU, MARGARET PAPANDREOU, MELINA MERCOURI, AS WELL AS EDIK LEADER ZIGDIS.

2. OLD SALONICA -- THE TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY VILLAS, SECOND-STORY OVERHANGING BALCONY HOUSES AND PICTURESQUE OLD MARKET PLACE -- HAS HAD ITS DEMISE CONSIDERABLY SPEEDED UP AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE. THESE STRUCTURES TOOK HEAVY DAMAGE AS DID A NUMBER OF THE BYZANTINE MONUMENTS, SUCH AS ST. SOFIA.

3. THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS SAID YESTERDAY (JUNE 26) THAT SEVEN PERCENT OF THE BUILDINGS ALREADY INSPECTED ARE UNHABITABLE, ALTHOUGH A SECOND INSPECTION IS EXPECTED TO FIND THAT A NUMBER OF THESE ARE SAFE FOR HABITATION IF REPAIRED. THE MOST ACTIVE WORK GOING ON NOW IS DEMOLISHING, ENGINEERING INSPECTION AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SCRAPING OF BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE CONGEN, TO REMOVE PLASTER AND OTHER LOOSE ITEMS. OUTSIDE THESSALONIKI THE AREA SUFFERING THE MOST DAMAGE WAS IN SERRES NOMARCHY WITH THE TOWN OF NIGRITA AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES THE HARDEST HIT BUT WITH THE TOWN OF SERRES ALSO TAKING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE.

4. THE DEATH COUNTS AT 48, ATC 46 OF THESE OCCURRING IN THESSALONIKI. THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE DEATHS OCCURRED IN ONE PARTMENT BUILDING, AND OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT TWO MORE BODIES WILL BE FOUND AT THAT SITE. NUMBER OF AMERICANS CASUALTIES: NONE.

5. THE CONGEN'S REFTTEL SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ SITREP NO.7.  
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